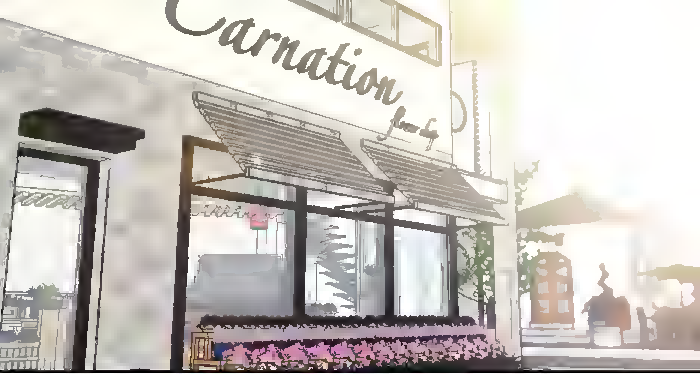
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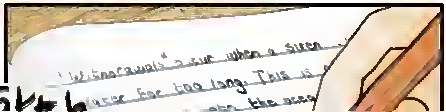

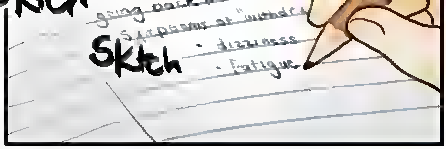
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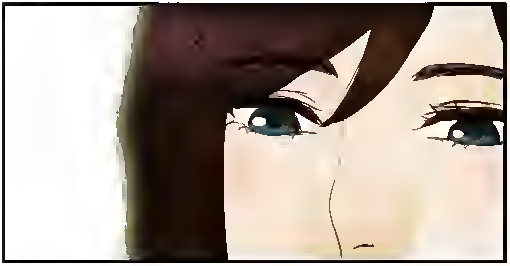

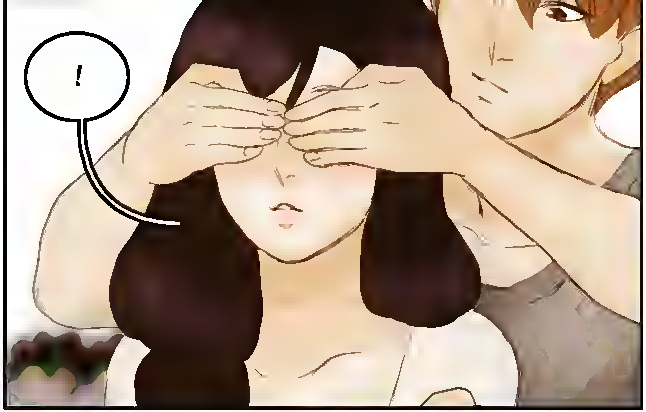

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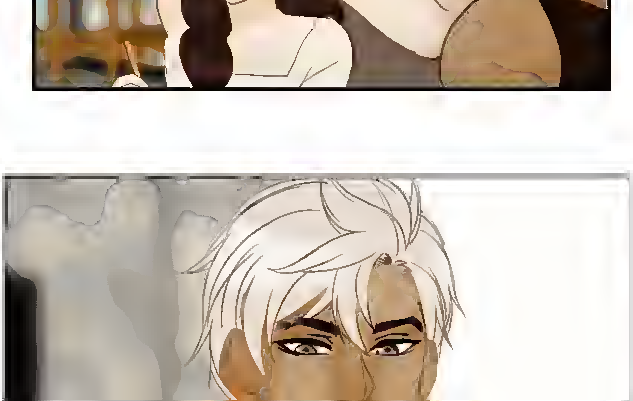

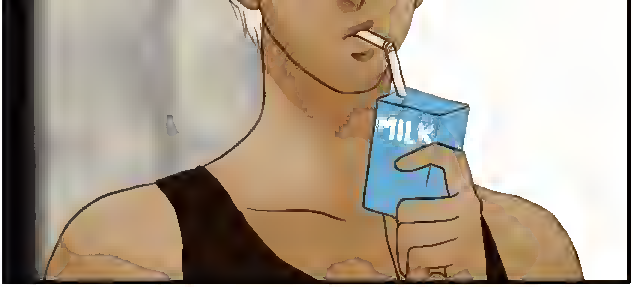
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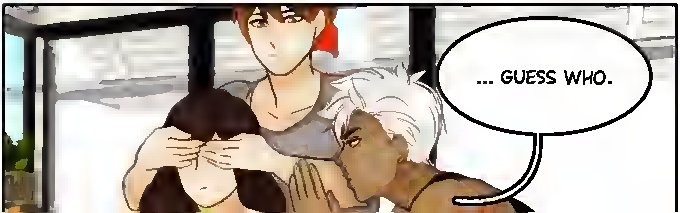
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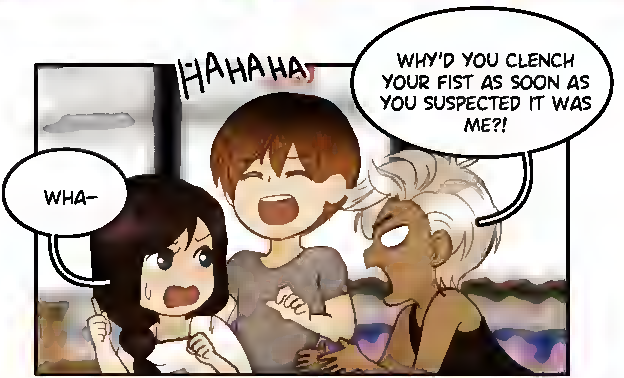
HAHAHA
WHY'D YOU CLENCH YOUR FIST AS SOON AS YOU SUSPECTED IT WAS ME?!
WHA-

You dummies!

Quit messing w
both of you!

Sorry, sorry!

Siren's Lament

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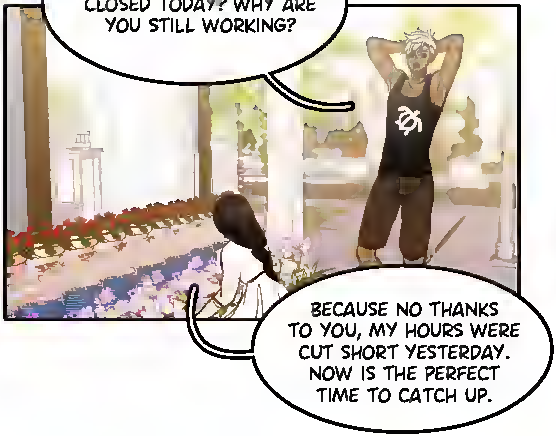
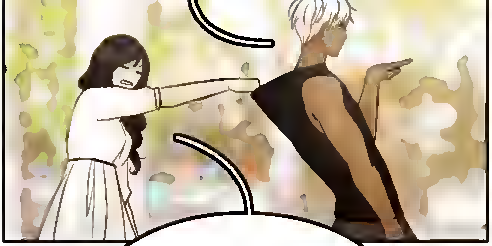
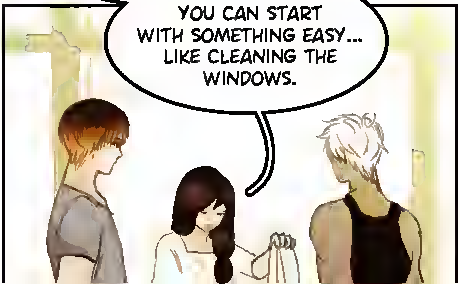
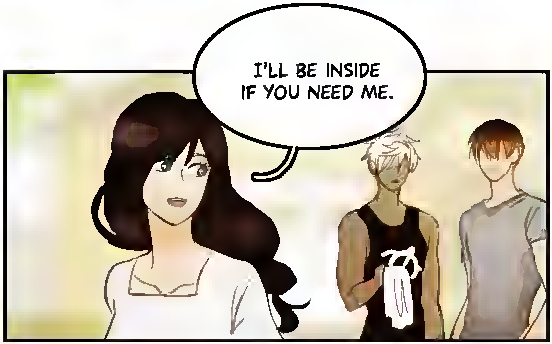

CLOSED TODAY? WHY ARE YOU STILL WORKING?
BECAUSE NO THANKS TO YOU, MY HOURS WERE CUT SHORT YESTERDAY. NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO CATCH UP.
WELP, HAVE FUN WITH THAT.
Ian.out.

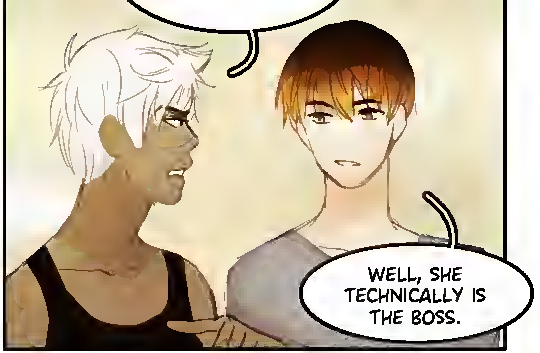

AAH- IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAY UNDER MY ROOF, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HELP OUT AROUND HERE TOO.

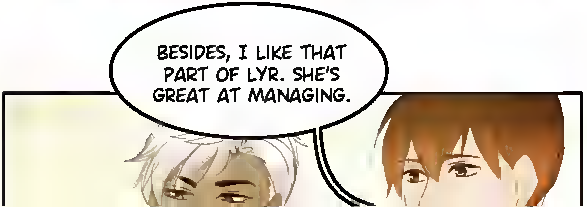
HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, DOLL... BUT I'M LIABLE TO DESTROY YOUR SHOP, REMEMBER? IT'S PROBABLY

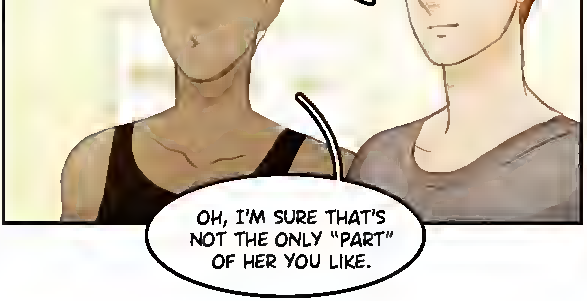
BEST IF I DO NOTHING.




I'LL BE INSIDE IF YOU NEED ME.
DO YOU ALWAYS LET HER BOSS YOU AROUND LIKE THAT?

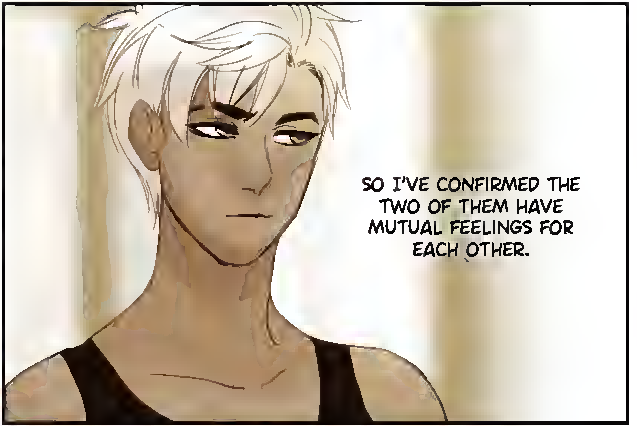

WELL, SHE TECHNICALLY IS THE BOSS.

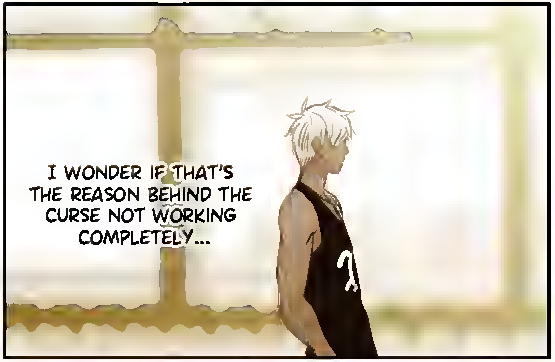

BESIDES, I LIKE THAT PART OF LYR. SHE'S GREAT AT MANAGING.


OH, I'M SURE THAT'S NOT THE ONLY "PART" OF HER YOU LIKE.

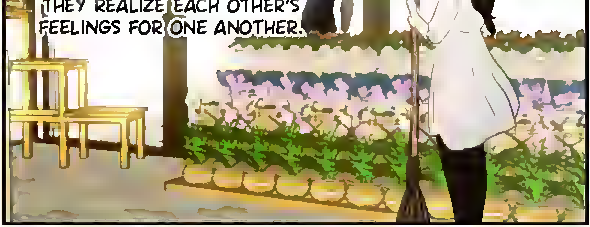
... I'M GONNA PRETEND LIKE I DIDN'T HEAR THAT AND FETCH THE WATERING HOSE.

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.


SO I'VE CONFIRMED THE TWO OF THEM HAVE MUTUAL FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER.

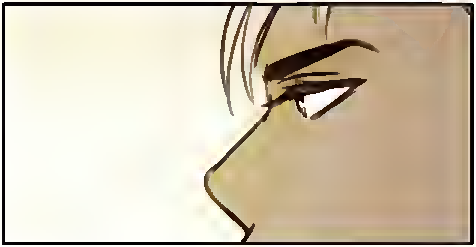

I WONDER IF THAT'S THE REASON BEHIND THE CURSE NOT WORKING COMPLETELY...

IF SO, MY ONLY CONCERN IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN


THEY REALIZE EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS FOR ONE ANOTHER.

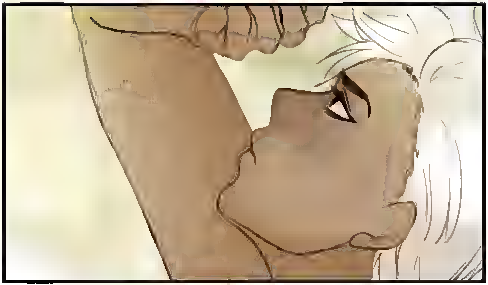
WOULD THAT INVALIDATE THE DEAL I MADE WITH

FISH. BAIT AND TURN ME BACK INTO A FULL SIREN...?

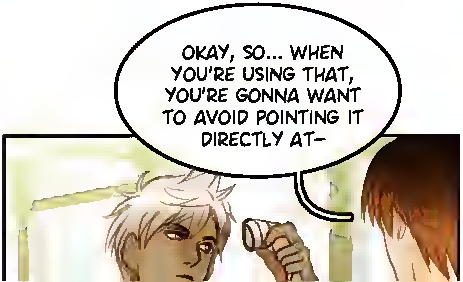


IT'D PROBABLY BE IN MY BEST INTEREST TO MAKE SURE THEY STAY OBLIVIOUS... AT LEAST UNTIL I FIND OUT MORE.

IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME, I HAD FORGOTTEN HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE THE SUN ON MY FACE...



... AND WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO ACTUALLY
BREATHE AGAIN.


OKAY, SO... WHEN YOU'RE USING THAT, YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO AVOID POINTING IT DIRECTLY AT-

PSSHHT

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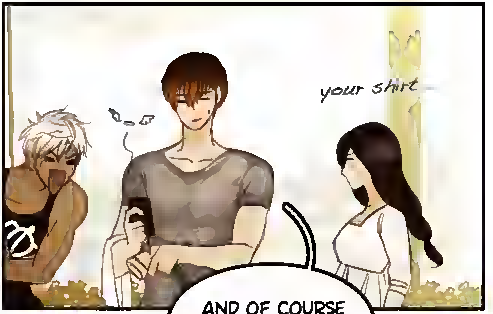
WAHAHA
HA HA

IAN! THE WINDOWS AREN'T TINTED, YOU KNOW I CAN SEE THROUGH-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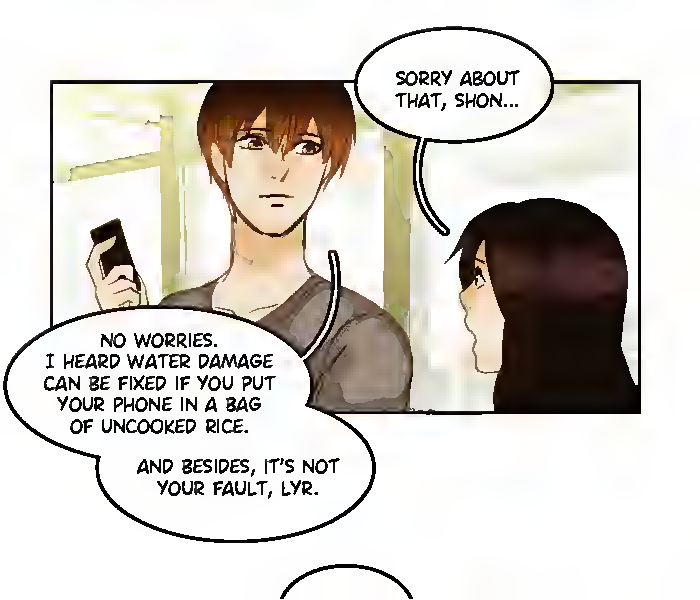
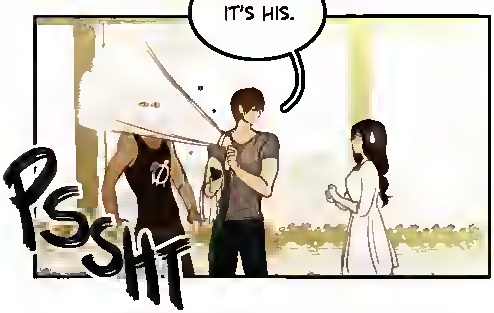
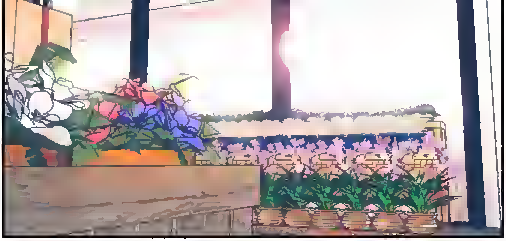
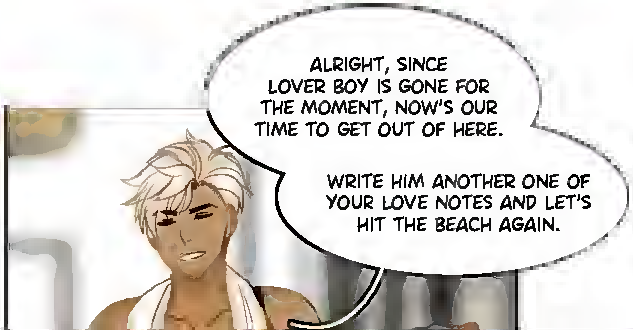
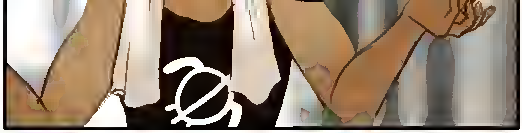
AND OF COURSE MY PHONE WAS IN MY POCKET...

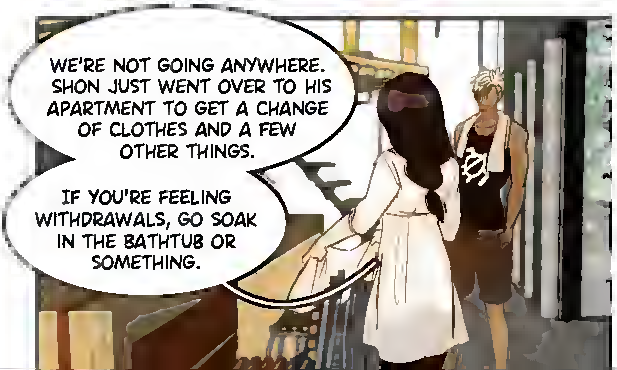

SORRY ABOUT THAT, SHON...
NO WORRIES. I HEARD WATER DAMAGE CAN BE FIXED IF YOU PUT YOUR PHONE IN A BAG OF UNCOOKED RICE.
AND BESIDES, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, LYR.

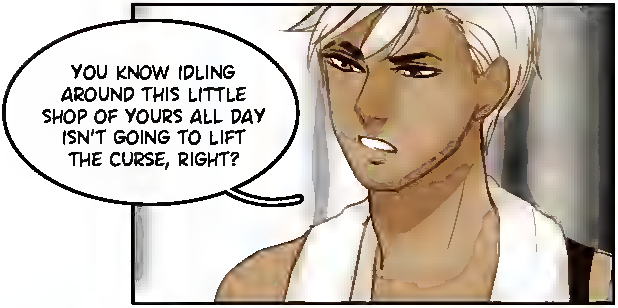

IT'S HIS.
PSSHT




ALRIGHT, SINCE LOVER BOY IS GONE FOR THE MOMENT, NOW'S OUR TIME TO GET OUT OF HERE.
WRITE HIM ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR LOVE NOTES AND LET'S HIT THE BEACH AGAIN.

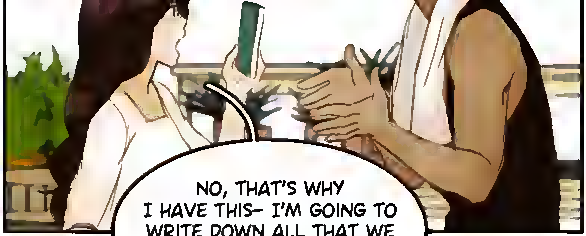



WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. SHON JUST WENT OVER TO HIS APARTMENT TO GET A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND A FEW OTHER THINGS.
IF YOU'RE FEELING WITHDRAWALS, GO SOAK IN THE BATHTUB OR SOMETHING.


YOU KNOW IDLING AROUND THIS LITTLE SHOP OF YOURS ALL DAY ISN'T GOING TO LIFT THE CURSE, RIGHT?

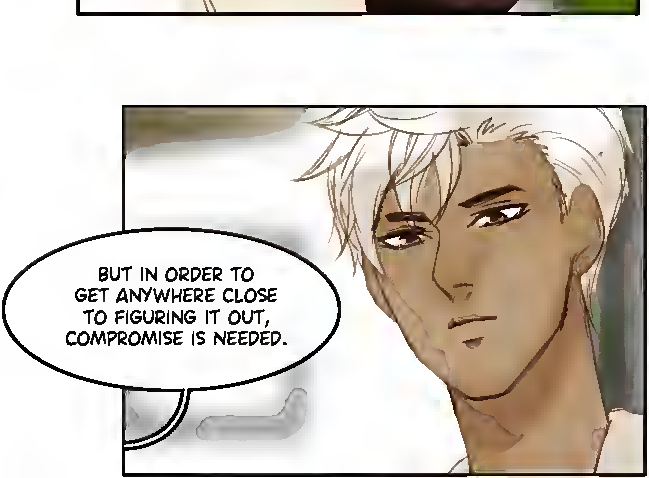
GOING TO THE BEACH DOESN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING EITHER... AND I CAN'T KEEP PUTTING EVERYHTING ASIDE; I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

WHAT, SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO PRETEND LIKE NOTHING IS WRONG AND HOPE THE CURSE DISAPPEARS BY ITSELF?

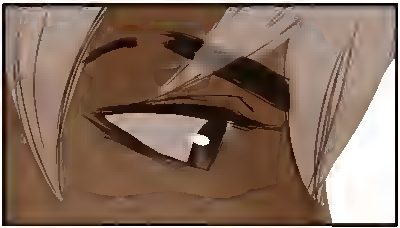

NO, THAT'S WHY I HAVE THIS– I'M GOING TO WRITE DOWN ALL THAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE CURSE IN THIS JOURNAL.

EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION COUNTS. THERE MAY BE SOMETHING WE'RE OVERLOOKING. I MEAN...

WE'RE TRYING TO FIND A WAY AROUND A CURSE THAT'S SAID TO HAVE EXISTED FOR CENTURIES... I DOUBT WE'RE GOING TO RESOLVE IT OVER NIGHT.


BUT IN ORDER TO GET ANYWHERE CLOSE TO FIGURING IT OUT, COMPROMISE IS NEEDED.

THAT MEANS BEING HONEST AND WORKING TOGETHER.



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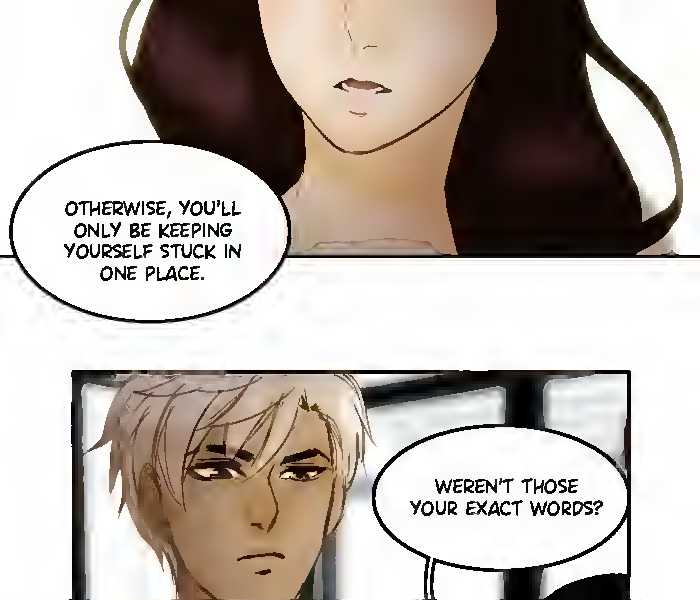
I DON'T TRUST ANYONE BUT MYSELF, SWEETHEART.

THEN I GUESS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN TO TAKE SOME RISKS.


OTHERWISE, YOU'LL ONLY BE KEEPING YOURSELF STUCK IN ONE PLACE.
WEREN'T THOSE YOUR EXACT WORDS?

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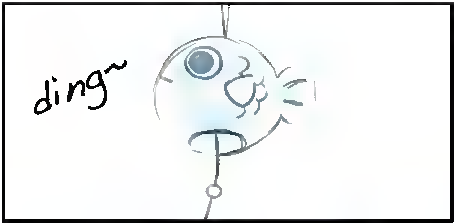
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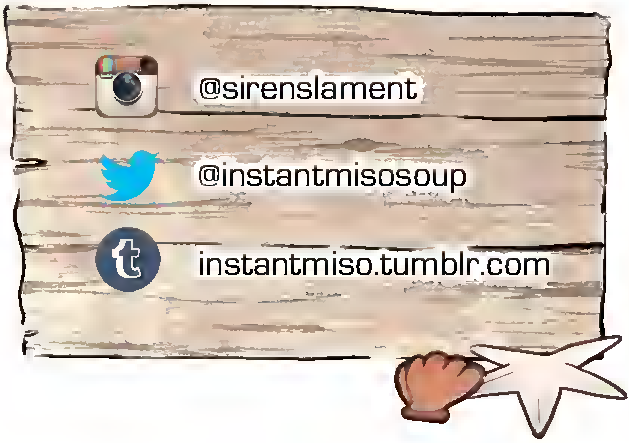
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